

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE

The December 15, 2015, Regular Business Meeting of the Monroe City Council was called to order by Mayor Thomas at 7:00 p.m.; Council Chambers, City Hall.

Councilmembers present: Cudaback, Davis, Gamble, Goering, Hanford, Kamp, and Rasmussen.

Staff members present: Baker, Brazel, Farrell, Feilberg, Nelson, Osaki, Quenzer, Rozzano, Smoot, and Warthan; City Attorney Lell.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Goering.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Swearing-In Ceremony: Newly-Elected Officials

The Honorable Mara Rozzano, Monroe Municipal Court Judge, administered the Oaths of Office for the newly-elected officials taking office January 1, 2016: Councilmember Position No. 4 - Jim Kamp, Councilmember Position No. 5 - Ed Davis, Councilmember Position No. 6 - Jason Gamble, and Councilmember At Large - Kirk Scarboro.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

The following person spoke regarding Snohomish County Council Representation and projects in Monroe: Mr. Sam Low.

The following person spoke regarding appointment to the Salary Commission: Ms. Ashley Sellers.

The following person spoke regarding the 2016 LTAC Grant Awards: Mr. Mike Buse, President, Monroe Chamber of Commerce.

The following persons spoke regarding Councilmember Kurt Goering's years of service: Ms. Debbie Goering and Ms. Lily Goering.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the Minutes; December 8, 2015, Regular Business Meeting
2. Approval of AP Checks and ACH Payments (*Check Nos. 36449 through 86480 and ACH Payments in a total amount of \$1,145,816.31*)
3. AB15-225: Authorize Mayor to Sign Public Defender Back-Up/Conflict Counsel Agreements (Renewal)

Councilmember Rasmussen moved to approve the Consent Agenda; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Kamp. On vote,

Motion carried (7-0).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. AB15-226: Authorize Mayor to Sign Consultant Agreement with Green Light Strategies for State Lobbyist/Public Affairs Representative Services

Mr. Gene Brazel, City Administrator, provided background information on AB15-226 and the proposed consultant agreement for State Lobbyist/Public Affairs Representative Services.

Councilmember Goering moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Consultant Agreement with Green Light Strategies for State Lobbyist/Public Affairs Representative services; and expressly authorize further minor revisions as deemed necessary or appropriate; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Hanford.

General discussion ensued regarding the candidates considered and Councilmember's preferences.

On vote, Motion carried (4-3);
Councilmembers Cudaback, Gamble, and Rasmussen opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. AB15-227: Authorize Mayor to Sign Transportation Improvement Board Grant Approval Documents, and Authorize Mayor Pro-Tem to Sign Interlocal Agreement with Snohomish County, for Arterial Preservation Project

Mayor Thomas noted a conflict of interest with the proposed agreement and exited the Chambers for discussion and the vote on AB15-227.

Mr. Brad Feilberg, Public Works Director, provided background information on AB15-227, the proposed grant approval and interlocal agreement.

Councilmember Gamble moved to accept the grant funding from the Transportation Improvement Board and authorize the Mayor to sign the grant approval documents; and expressly authorize further minor revisions to the extent deemed necessary or appropriate; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Cudaback. On vote,

Motion carried (7-0).

Councilmember Gamble moved to authorize the Mayor Pro-Tem to sign the Interlocal Agreement with Snohomish County; and expressly authorize further minor revisions to the extent deemed necessary or appropriate; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Cudaback. On vote,

Motion carried (7-0).

FINAL ACTION

1. AB15-228: Ordinance No. 023/2015; Eaglemont, Division 2, Final Plat/Planned Residential Development (15-PRDF-001; First/Final Reading)

Mr. Dave Osaki, Community Development Director, provided background information on AB15-228, the Eaglemont, Division 2, Final Plat/Planned residential Development, and proposed ordinance for first and final reading.

Councilmember Hanford moved to waive Council Rules of Procedure requiring two readings of ordinances; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Cudaback. On vote,

Motion carried (7-0).

Councilmember Hanford moved to adopt Ordinance No. 023/2015, approving the final plat/planned residential development for the Eaglemont Subdivision, Division 2 (15-PRDF-001); setting forth supportive findings; providing for severability; and fixing a time when the same shall become effective; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Cudaback. On vote,

Motion carried (7-0).

COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

Councilmember Goering commented on the Building Dedication Ceremony/Recognition of Service event for Ms. Donnetta Walser.

Councilmember Gamble commented on the Building Dedication Ceremony/Recognition of Service event for Ms. Donnetta Walser and attendance at a Monroe Public Schools Foundation event.

Councilmember Davis commented on his daughter's choir event the previous week, and the Building Dedication Ceremony/Recognition of Service event for Ms. Donnetta Walser.

Councilmember Kamp commented on Ms. Debbie and Ms. Lily Goering's comments and wished all 'happy holidays.'

Councilmember Rasmussen commented on the Building Dedication Ceremony/Recognition of Service event for Ms. Donnetta Walser, the Monroe Public Schools Foundation event, and wished all 'happy holidays' and a happy new year.

Councilmember Cudaback commented on the Building Dedication Ceremony/Recognition of Service event for Ms. Donnetta Walser and wished all 'happy holidays' and stated she is looking forward to 2016.

Councilmember Hanford wished all a merry Christmas, and commented on Ms. Seller's comments and support of receiving comments from citizens.

STAFF/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mr. Mike Farrell, Parks and Recreation Director reported on flood repairs and the Sky to Sound Water Trail work group/committee.

Police Chief Tim Quenzer reported on a Police training event at Park Place Middle School and recent break-ins at the Lewis Street Park restrooms.

1. Finance Report*

**Note: no verbal report was given on the Finance Report in the agenda packet.*

MAYOR/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Monroe This Week (*December 11, 2015, Edition No. 26*)

Mayor Thomas reported on meetings held and events attended the previous week, and noted upcoming events.

Mr. Brazel thanked all for their service.

2. Cancellation of the January 5, 2016, Regular Business Meeting

Councilmember Gamble moved to cancel the January 5, 2016, City Council Regular Business Meeting; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Hanford. On vote,

Motion carried (7-0).

3. Draft Agenda for January 12, 2016, Regular Business Meeting

Mr. Brazel reviewed the draft agenda for the January 12, 2016, Monroe City Council Regular Business Meeting, the extended agenda, and additions/edits thereto.

SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Recognition of Service: Elected Officials

Mayor Thomas thanked Councilmember Kurt Goering for his service, and opened the floor for additional comments. Councilmembers Hanford, Kamp, Davis, Gamble, and Rasmussen thanked Councilmember Goering for his service and added anecdotal memories from his years of service on the City Council and Planning Commission.

Councilmember Goering commented on his years of service on the Council and Commission and thanked the elected officials and staff for their service.

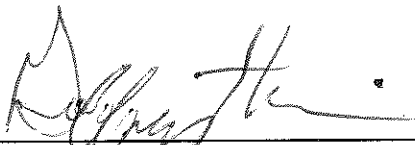
Mayor Thomas presented a plaque, and Chief Quenzer presented a Chief's coin, to Councilmember Goering.

ADJOURNMENT

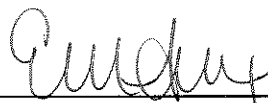
There being no further business, the motion was made by Councilmember Goering and seconded by Councilmember Kamp to adjourn the meeting. On vote,

Motion carried (7-0).

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:01 p.m.



Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor



Elizabeth M. Smoot, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved at the Regular Business Meeting of January 12, 2016.